Lisa Pease - James Jesus Angleton and The Warren Commission HD

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all right thank you all for coming I'm really glad you're here some of you are gonna hear that again because now I have to do it for the record all right welcome to my talk I'm gonna go through it very quickly because I have a lot to cover and I know there are other talks some of you are running off too so if I speak a little too fast I apologize just remember it is taped and you can go get the tape afterwards but let's get through as much as we can I want to give you a lot of meat for your money alright first this has nothing to do with angle tuning but it has everything to do with the conference this weekend this is about the Kennedy whether the Kennedys authorize the Cuban assassination plots or not all right I just had to pull this out since it came up at this conference this is the last two pages of the IG report where the CI asks can CIA State or imply that it was merely an instrument of policy and they answer their own question not in this case they explained that there were phase one and phase two plots the phase one plots were not assassination plots the phased who were the assassination plots and they say that Kennedy was Robert Kennedy was briefed only on the phase one plots that had ended not on the phase two plots that were continuing at the time of his briefing so literally while the CI is telling Robert Kennedy we've stopped you know any plots against Castro they were at that very moment trying to kill Castro they're lying flat out to the president's brother to the Attorney General of the United States to the president's personal representative as those of you have studied CIA history no this is not in the least unusual sadly all right and so they make that very clear so I think it's very important again this information was

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important again this information was released in the Church Committee the sentence can see I state or imply the question and the answer are buried in a little footnote in the church committee report and this is about 140 page report you're 144 pages it's not that long but either people haven't read to the end they didn't understand what they are reading they didn't care what they were reading or they are deliberately misrepresenting but now that you have seen the truth I need you all to be ambassadors to the rest of the community to your friends to your neighbors to reporters who get this wrong all right this is this report is on the Mary Farrell website you can send them this lake I got an op-ed in the LA Times because of this Robert

Scheer had accused Robert Kennedy of being behind the plots and I wrote something up and I sent it out I said it under Jim's name as the head of Sitka but I wrote it and it got published in the LA Times so there you go all right the rest of this is all about angleton and what he knew and didn't tell the Warren Commission all right one man controlled Oswald's pre assassination CI file open in 1963 three years before the assassination he controlled the sea-ice flow of information to the Warren Commission he made his close associate Ray Rocca the official Warren Commission liaison he had a member of the Warren Commission in his will and carried that members ashes when he died who was that Allen Dulles had a member of the new what to cover up even after the Warren Commission had finished and I think that's significant you'll see in here that some people know what to lie about and some people tell the truth because they don't know what to lie about the ones who know what to lie about are closer to the center of the plot than the ones who don't know they should be lying that just makes sense right all right so who was Angleton what did he know what did he tell and why does it matter especially here in this day and age all right who was he he was called the poet spy he was extremely bright but his Yale grades didn't necessarily reflect that he was never very good at bowing to power not in school not ever

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bowing to power not in school not ever after he liked the intricacies of language which is why he was really attracted to poetry saying something in words that were obtuse that didn't say what and this actually mirrored very much his interest in the intricacies of intelligence work he was transferred to London thanks to his father who was in the OSS as a National Cash Register employee and his recommended by his former English professor Norman Pearson that's where he met Kim Philby who was a high-level Soviet mole in the government something angleton never found out until it was exposed by others can you imagine the height of irony a word we use a lot of this conference that the head of the CIA's counterintelligence you know responsible for keeping penetration from government for five years was the guy who couldn't figure out that Philby was a mole his close friend a guy he talked to very regularly was amore I find that very ironic and it says a lot about the CIA all right he transferred to Rome as a commanding officer of s CI Z in World War two less than six months later he became the youngest x2 chief in the OSS with Ray Rocca at his side his deepest friendships were evidenced by their presence in his 1949 will he was dramatic he thought he could die at any moment and they included Allen Dulles Richard Helms Ray Rocca and miles Copeland he bred orchids the reason this is significant is this is a man with long term thinking most Americans don't think past a week a month maybe a year maybe they have a two or three year plan most people don't have a 12 year plan for their lives Angleton did all right and he had a lot of long term plans and it's worth thinking about that in the context of Oswald he was Machiavellian early in his career according to miles Copeland his close friend who knew him very well angleton brought down the head of a rival intelligence unit in World War two Stephen Penrose who according to angleton and others was generally thought to be too christ-like for the

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thought to be too christ-like for the spy business in other words nice guys aren't allowed you know so what did he do he faked Intel all right he copied data from the New York Times fuzz it up a bit attributed to a highly secret source and used that to get even more money from Penrose to fund who's his special source and then later he told him that was all phony and he could have bought that for five cents in the New York Times well Copeland presents this as a jolly little escapade wasn't Angleton clever and in a footnote he goes oh by the way Steven Penrose almost had a nervous breakdown I mean that's really an awful thing to do and it tells you again a lot about who angleton is and what he was capable of doing all right this is Hoover on the left that is Congress on the right right after World War two there was talk should we have an ongoing Intelligence Agency what about the OSS and there were people who really didn't want a Central Intelligence Agency formed we just fought the Nazis the SS they didn't want a secret police at home all right so how did the CI get created over the objection of Hoover and over the objection of significant members in Congress all right well there's two versions of that the one you read in the books is the blue pill version and it's actually the Allen Dulles version according to miles Copeland he said Allen Dulles has said his version makes for better history oh well they were folded into the War Department and then you eventually Truman decided he

needed his own intelligence service and that's how it came about all right but miles Copeland says he's telling us the red pill version essentially all right and that is that somebody and I'm gonna say angleton blackmailed Hoover to silence him so that the CI could go forward and an army colonel who could also been angling because actually he was an army colonel although I know it wasn't but I just wanted to mention that angleton had ties to the army and that's significant but an army colonel ran an operation basically against Congress he suborned secretaries got secret intelligence on members of Congress and it's implied by what Copeland says that this was then taken to Congress and said this is what a foreign intelligence agency could find

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a foreign intelligence agency could find on you but we can protect you from all these secrets that could do you so much damage kind of a covert form of blackmail so Hoover was silenced all right the colonel was fired but the damage was done Angleton continued to have bugs all over Capitol Hill and he used to talk about it with Allen Dulles and Tom Braden walked in and heard him talking about this and he was actually kind of appalled he said got Angleton is immoral I mean he's he's using stuff they're saying about the CIA that could be used against Congress then and in his book in fictional form miles Copeland Coates quotes mother which was one of Angleton's code names as saying penetration begins at home and if we can't find out what's going on in the offices where our future is being planned we shouldn't be in business all right everywhere implied in this is it Angleton was kind of controlling Congress by bugging them looking for blackmail secrets if somebody was gonna challenge the CIA who's gonna find a way to silence them it's worth remembering that you know as we get to the Warren Commission and the Church Committee it's very obvious how some people could be persuaded to tell non truths and this by the way is why the NSA case today matters so very much if the NSA can hear every conversation by everyone in this country at any time they could find out who's sleeping with who and they can use that against them to guarantee an ongoing budget increase all right this is actually incredibly dangerous relevant and it's a direct through line 1947 2000 you know 14 not a lot has changed except that the secret government has gotten a heck of a lot bigger and more expensive to carry all right deception from inception when the CI was 1st finally formed they didn't have a huge budget so angleton used news reports just like he had against penrose he fabricated intelligence attributed to secret sources present to Congress and said look how much we know and then they would go WOW yeah I read that in the paper your guy must really be in the inside you know I've seen that

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inside you know I've seen that corroborated times Doug was the same source after after some early intelligence failures as they were figuring out what to do Albania was a disaster they learned too highly compartmentalized operations to use you know pseudonyms even within the agency not to reveal agents names they knew how to keep everything super secret so that no one could leak plots out and they got very good at it they recruited journalists that was among quote-unquote the CIA's most sensitive undertakings had contacts with the heads of news organizations that were normally initially by Dulles himself and succeeding directors of Central Intelligence I have a lot of stories about that I'm not going to talk about that and there's a whole panel later but many of the best-known journalists I mean we're talking big names Walter Cronkite Tom Brokaw I'm not saying either of those two were CI but people of that stature were CIA said one unnamed official one journalist is worth 20 agents he has access and the ability to ask questions without arousing suspicion Angleton specifically had his own completely independent source of journalists alright and Carl Bernstein who wrote about this in Rolling Stone in 1997 said that Angleton ran operatives who perform sensitive and frequently dangerous assignments so not just a journalist but cunning journalists assassin types maybe really dangerous stuff is known about this group for the simple reason that angleton deliberately kept the Vegas to files all right angleton also was close friends with the guy who ran the New York Times editorial page from 1961 to 1976 now how many journalists do you need to control if you can control the opinion page of the New York Times which kind of sets the tone for the rest of the media coverage in the country that's incredibly significant all right so angleton he had overt and covert power his overt power was that he had a huge counter intelligence it was one of the biggest units in the CIA he had over 200

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biggest units in the CIA he had over 200 people in it this was the former of originally called staff a which became counterintelligence then he had within that a little black ops unit CI sig all right that was his most trusted associates were a rogue got some of the others very close in there actually not very Roca which is interesting he but that unit conducted mole hunts within the agency Angleton's empire even reached into mexico city where he sometimes used and good pasture for operations and honestly I know we're such a male-dominated society but it's not inconceivable that an good pastor ran you know something related to the assassination here she connects with angleton she ran David Phillips his operations for him she worked with Bill Harvey and she couldn't remember where she was when she heard about the assassination and in her case that's especially suspicious because everybody cites her amazing memory that she was just somebody who never forgot anything but that's one thing she couldn't remember all right it was angleton involved with cooze and assassinations in general well there have been allegations that he was he heard hunt no less accused him of having run an assassination unit headed by Colonel Boris cash early on to eliminate double agents in the CIA that would explain the interface with the office of security whose job was to silence one way or another people who were talking to the outside about CIA operations he used sig to clear CI staff to participate in staff D operations which if you track the history of stash staff T that's basically the COO plotting part of the agency alright it also includes the NSA component in 1963 in 1963 and again not 1961 not 1962 after the Castro assassination plots had kind of ended he goes with Bill Harvey to London to ask mi6 how to assassinate someone alright and they give him a bunch of advice what

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and they give him a bunch of advice what about using the Mafia you know maybe the French you know there are various options you could use after the assassination Helms well even before the assassination Helms often asked John Whitin who's in the documents as skel so he asked John went in to look into Angleton's operations when things didn't seem right because Helms knew that angleton would lie and make things up and he would send Witten on his trail to find out what really happened and we and Whitin said he used to go in fingering his insurance policy never knowing if he'd come out alive after meeting with angleton that's kind of interesting I've never seen anybody say that about anybody else in the agency in any of the depositions all right and when Witten after the assassination Helms wanted him to you know look in this story of Oswald and you know talk to Angleton he's like will you back me to Angleton and Helms is like know it but I'm not gonna I'm not good Joe Angleton what to do and in the end Witten wrote a report that basically exculpated the Soviets exculpated the Cubans you know and said it's clear that whatever happened it wasn't Soviet inspired well of course Angleton immediately got control of the investigation after that because that was not a story that was gonna sell in the way they needed to sell it and I'll come back to that all right now bill Harvey's notes the Church Committee found bill Harvey's notes handwritten notes about assassination plotting in general that they had obviously made it some meeting and said one never mentioned the word assassination to no projects on paper three planning should include provisions for blaming the Soviets or the checks in case of a blow before should have a phony 201 file in the central registry all documents therein forged and back dated and if you know anything about the Mexico City transcripts that's John Newman's argument which I subscribe to that those conversations didn't have than the way he said you know the documents say they happen and that the transcripts were either wholly forged or partially forged yeah they also said it should look like a see e-file meaning a

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should look like a see e-file meaning a counter espionage counterintelligence file and then he has Jim a that's Jim's Angleton strictly person-to-person Singleton ops so not covert operators with code names who've been on the books for years singleton pops people no one else in the CIA even knows about that's what the recommendation was first NASA nation and it's interesting that these notes again were written not later than January 26 1961 as determined by the Church Committee all right so this part was before you know literally before Kennedy even took office they were already talking about assassinations and how to do them and you

know what what to go through all right so did angleton have Singleton's well it appears he might have an Gordon Oval who is a notorious liar who actually spent a lot of time with at one point he lived in Las Vegas and I ended up meeting him and we got together a few times and I just found him you know a charming devil he was very interesting and funny and he lied but when he lied his voice often changed dramatically and I could see why the CI wouldn't hire somebody like that because kind of see through but when he wasn't lying and I don't believe he was lying on us for a number of reasons I don't have time to go into it but he said Angleton personally showed him a photo of Hoover having sex with Tolson and that that was the photo they had been used to blackmail when during the Jim Garrison investigation Gordon Novell sued garrison because garrison had said Gordon Novell was a CIA agent and Hoover told Gordon because he was also informing to the FBI and that's documented on the record you know Hoover told him don't go after garrison don't make any noise just go away and Angleton said no you should you tell him you've seen that photo and you go talk to Hoover so we finds Hoover at a local restaurant in New Orleans you know having dinner with Clyde Tolson he goes up and said I've seen the voter who starts to choke on his food yeah very funny story if it was only Gordon eval I'd have to say a story maybe true maybe

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I'd have to say a story maybe true maybe not but there was another corroboration that's much more credible and that was an this officer named John White's who told Anthony summers that he too had seen the photo that Angleton used to basically hold over Hoover all right Gerry Patrick hemming who again another notorious liar somebody I would never believe unless I had other reasons to believe him but in this particular case he said he was one of Angleton signal Tain's he has he said Oswald was too and I will tell you this that I saw a document I wasn't supposed to see and I got it from the Ark I actually went in person to the sponsoring organization for this conference one time when I was in DC and they pulled down a you know box newly-arrived files and I just started going through them they weren't indexed or catalogue yet and out getting this one page that was just littered with QJ / this QJ / stacked and real names beside it it was a document that should never have been released you know by the agreements between the Ark and their if something had both code names and real names it was supposed to disappear and so I showed it to somebody at the arc and it instantly disappeared and I never saw it again but I will tell you QJ Winn was not on that page or I would have found it cuz I was looking for that but Gerry Patrick Hemings name was now I didn't memorize his his thing cuz when I gave it to somebody to copy I thought I was gonna get it back again I didn't think until I was on my way home to check my stack of documents and that was not there but he had a huge a alias and that's interesting because the CI is always denied having a relationship with Gerry Patrick hemming and for the most part he's denied it - but he had a qje alias I think that's interesting anyway this is something that angleton said which was I believe after the fact put off the record but referred to in a later deposition with angleton at one point they're honing in on him you know why did you lie about this - you tell them about this why didn't you you know help the Warren Commission he goes well is inconceivable that a secret intelligence arm of the government has to comply with all the overt orders of

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to comply with all the overt orders of the government this is exactly how they think and it's exactly what's wrong with the intelligence community as constructed all right I think we all agree we need a secret Intelligence Agency I agree that you know what we do I understand and they may have to do nefarious things but when Congress or the president asks to see data we have to have some way of knowing we are getting the right answer without that we cannot be a democracy and then what's the point of having a CIA because there's nothing worth protecting that's the problem all right so Angleton was an evil genius of sorts he was able to control people in high places through taps and influential media assets that can be as valuable as a bullet alright was feared even by his superiors he ran his own private off-the-books operations he had no compunction about lying to Congress to do what he perceived to be his job and he was at the very least involved in gathering intel on how to assassinate someone and may have even been running his own assassination team all right meanwhile in California we got this guy I know Marxist Leninist I don't enjoy discipline I want to join Castro's revolution oh and did I mention I'm learning Russian son you're just what this

country needs welcome to the United States Marine Corps that's Oswald going into the Marines in the height of the Cold War it's an impossible impossible myth that a guy who's like overtly Marxist who plays Russian operas you know in his barracks you know doesn't come under suspicion or investigation isn't kicked out as a traitor unless everybody knows he's an intelligence operative that is the only way that story makes sense the military is one of the most conservative organizations on the planet that kind of behavior would not be tolerated or encouraged in any way all right so what did angle to know about Oswald what Mike the connection between them be all right well Angleton's super secret sig that little black op organization within his bigger empire opened the official oswald

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bigger empire opened the official oswald file not when he defected offering up military secrets a fact that was actually published in The Washington Post which the CI read daily and copied and stored in their files not when he talked to the CIA officer in the embassy not when he talked to CIA witching collaborator says her CIA file Priscilla Johnson Macmillan in the Soviet Union the file was not officially opened until a year later and only after the State Department queried the CIA about recent defectors to the Soviet because there is suddenly a whole slew like 15 people suddenly defected the Soviet Union at a time where all you heard in America was how terrible the Soviet Union was kind of hard to believe people would really defect there and auto-attack qey a State Department security officer also found that hard to believe and so he asked the CIA you know tell me about these defectors because he assumed they were probably CIA agents he want to know which are yours and which aren't alright as soon as he started questioning that his career started taking a nosedive his office was tapped his garbage was was gone through his burn bags were sorted and collected it was just a nightmare for him and overtly the story as well as because he refused to clear Walt Rostow the brother of Eugene Rostow who had by the way been one of the people pressuring LBJ to form the Warren Commission wall trust that was actually a CIA person all right but he was too liberal for auto at Epcot so that's the official story all right but the the other part of the story which no one talks about except for this is in spooks by Jim Hogan Hou GaN a really interesting little book but he had an unfinished study on Lee Harvey Oswald in his safe at the time that he was fired he never got to the bottom of whether Oswald was CIA or not and he was fired shortly before the assassination so very interesting anyway angleton was very concerned about a possible mole in the u2 program all right the CI had learned that the Russians knew of this super-secret plane flying overhead that they assumed was

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flying overhead that they assumed was American and so angled his like oh my god who in our YouTube program is leaking secrets to the Soviets now he couldn't use any of his normal Soviet operatives to find out because any one of them could have been the mole he needed somebody from the outside somebody with provable knowledge from inside the u2 program gee who could that be all right we got a little guy going to the Soviet Union as perhaps an intelligence dangled the Soviets come up and sniff him the guy says I have something of special interest to share and he's a former radar operator and the Soviets go do you think we're that stupid and they don't really pursue Oswald now that could mean two things it could mean they really did have them all in the YouTube program they didn't need an information from Oswald very possible or it could mean that Oswald was so obvious everybody saw him for what he was right away you know either a nut or a CIA agent in which either of which he wasn't going to be of any use to them all right in fact also had worked at not one but 2 u2 installations prior to his defection and at suit he was not just a base it was definitely not just a military base it was in fact a plush super-secret cover base for the CIA's Tokyo Station special operations all right that's from a CIA officer who worked there James wilcott he was a finance officer he came in after Oswald had left but a lot of the people working there remembered Oswald and had known him and talked openly about him especially late at night when they were drunk they had nothing else to do and he worked the night shift so people you know when they think they're in a trusted situation they sometimes reveal secrets all right also Oswald also worked at a Cuby point in the Philippines which was actually a staging point for the CIS operations against Indonesia in 1958 and again Oswald left right before this

operation happened but while he was there he he found out something no one else had figured out and in his own commanding officer thought he was wrong at first and he said look this thing just took off for for Clarke and it's moving over China he

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for Clarke and it's moving over China he figured out that the CI was flying the u2 over China at time when no one was supposed to know that and so he got John Donovan who john newman interviewed and this is a quote from his book oswald in the CIA and i said a week later several of us began looking hard and we saw it oswald was right and we saw it so regularly we started clocking them I even called the duty officer about them and he said look fella there's no planes cut fine over China this is a CIA lying to itself one part of the CI line to another saying we're not flying over Cuba and he said we knew better we saw them all the time mostly flying out of Cuba point but sometimes they flew out a car so obviously oswald did have something of special interest to share he was very good at his job he found things other people who who worked above him hadn't even noticed he was a smart man all right the CIA's interest in Oswald clearly predated the opening of his 201 file again was open in 1960 but he defected in 1959 and when an editor was questioned in depth and at length and by the way I didn't realize the editor interview was not on the Mary Farrell site and I've had a copy for years Jeff morally queried me about it so I instantly said it to rex bradford it is now available through the mary farrell site i recommend you all read it but she scratches her head and she goes you know i've always wondered why this file came to CI sig and why it didn't just go to the soviet division she said because i eventually got most of my information about oswald from the soviet union division so that indicates oswald went as a regular counterintelligence operation initially and that's where the information was being kept either in the case officers private file or in what they call soft file that's not in the records integration division all right very significant all right here are some of the documents the CIA either had on file or certainly had access to before the opening of his file and one of these is especially interesting because it's this one it's a naval message saying oh my gosh you know this guy with radar you know access has defected and at the

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know access has defected and at the bottom it says intelligence matter request significant develops in developments in view of continuing interests of headquarters Marine Corps and US intelligence agencies FBI CIA ia and s OSI USAF you know blah blah blah this was a big red alert this was 1959 this is right after he defected you just can't tell me the CI just missed this I don't buy that all right they are incompetent on small things they don't usually miss something that big all right now here's something else interesting Oswald's historic diary which we heard a little bit about last night I'm easily findable online if you want to read the whole thing he received 5,000 rubles from the Red Cross at the start of his trip at a time where an apartment could be rented in the Soviet Union for 70 bucks and 70 rubles a month all right he received seven hundred rubles a month for his factory job that's a lot of money but he continued to receive a matching 700 from the Red Cross now Oswald was not a medical man he was not a doctor he was not a nurse he didn't bandage people why is the Red Cross giving a defect to the Soviet Union money all right obvious question was Red Cross Serena's a conduit for CIA funds very likely yes American Express did that too they used to be able to pay their agents through American Express offices around the globe because there was one in every country you know so what kind of defector makes more money than the factory chief this is a piece from his diary I received a check from the Red Cross every month to help you know blah blah blah received a small flat you know almost rent-free 60 rubles month it is a Russians dream you know he just he was living high off the hog very difficult for can you imagine if you went to Russia today and said I want to defect do you think the Red Cross would give you a few thousand dollars a month do you think you know Soviets would instantly find you a job and give you a cheap apartment and pay you more than

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cheap apartment and pay you more than their factory director this doesn't happen this is a guy who's very well-connected alright so what makes more sense the official story Oswald the communist an avowed lover of all things Russian allowed to serve in the Marines allowed to defect with secret you to knowledge allowed to publicly announce that he was willing to give up items of importance to the Soviets in the US Embassy where the CIA knew bugs were planted all right allowed to come home on a military hop he actually came home on a military plane after having defected to the Soviet Union given the equivalent of a month's salary each month by the Red Cross and given aid by the State Department on his return does that make sense no what makes more sense is Oswald Angleton singleton goes to the Soviet Union as an intelligence dangled to see if the Soviets bite on somebody with u2 knowledge if they do there's no mole if they don't there is knows how to get into the Soviet Union quickly through Helsinki not common knowledge outside intelligence circles is paid by the CIA through the Red Cross is vest-pocket operative for Angleton alright and that's why otto attempt got this story makes sense every piece of story suddenly fits if we look at it in that context all right similarly Oswald in the FPC see the fair play for Cuba what makes more sense I'm unaffiliated nut tries to set up his own chapter for no reason the CIA goes on TV and says I'm a Marxist Leninist at a time in the US where that is guaranteed not to get you employment for the rest all right and and it just is a sheer coincidence that the CI is running an anti F PCC operation at the same time does that make sense or does it make more sense that also it was part of the CIA's operation against the fair play for Cuba committee that explains why so many of his files have CI ops on them counterintelligence operations explains his fight with ci acid Carlos Bernier and his subsequent appearance it explains why Joanne ad is running Carlos Grenier would want to come in and shut down the HSC when they started poking into his neighborhood explains why he became a patsy in the assassination plot that's the ultimate way to discredit the F PCC and it wasn't that the first thing touted in all the

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that the first thing touted in all the newspaper oh you know this communist you know it was a fair play for Cuba member killed Kennedy it's the ultimate discredit ation operation all right so you get rid of both a Haiti president from the CIA's point of view and a hated organization and one fell swoop a nice double double whammy all right and what a tangle didn't have to do with Cuba operations or the Castro plots for that matter well Witten said I went to Colonel King who is at the time the chief for the Western Hemisphere division and told him this and JC he was saying I heard there's these Castro assassination plots and what's going on oh I'm sorry no this was where Witten had found out that angleton had forbid the arrest of some mobsters in Cuba and King said well what do you expect and I said well I don't know what to expect it he said well you know Angleton has these ties to the Mafia and he's not gonna do anything to jeopardize them and then I say I didn't know that and King told him yeah it had to do with Cuba so angleton had some connection with the Mafia and the Cuban episode and this comes up in some other files that I don't have time to go into all right now when Kennedy takes office it's late January 1961 all right less you know about a month later they're tracking minutia on Kennedy mr. Dulles Jim Angleton called and advised that President Kennedy received his FBI briefing today can you imagine that is like the most innocuous and main thing why would the CIA be tracking kiddies every phone call all right right from the start if they're doing this to Kennedy there you gotta know they're doing this to Obama they're doing this to every president before and since all right how else can you control somebody if you don't know everything about them all right so three days before Dallas guess who takes a rifle into the Oval Office yeah I I know you know I know you guys know yes Richard Helms walks in he has this big old rifle he'd met first with Robert kitty said you better go talk to my brother so he walks into the Oval Office carrying a rifle imagine the implied threat I can get to you at any time very intimidating most

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you at any time very intimidating most people be intimidated by that Kenny had already faced down the CI twice babe pigs and the Cuban Missile Crisis he was not intimidated Helms gives him this fantastic story and you've got to read Helms his own autobiography on this incident to appreciate the humor of it oh we found this magic number that proved it was a Cuban rifle but we could only photograph it because we had to apply a chemical to make the number up here and then we photographed it right at the moment the number

appeared and then it disappeared forever and now we can never find that serial number again and obviously Kennedy is not buying it he puts him off he says well let's talk again when I get back from Dallas on his way out the door Richard Helms then stops and asks for an autographed picture of Kennedy Helms did not like Kennedy but Helms was a collector Helms had Hiller stationary all right Helms knew if he didn't get a photo that day he might never have another chance and I think in his autobiography he is bragging to everybody in the intelligence community I knew I knew he was gonna be killed these guys they want to tell I was in on the biggest operation of all time and I got away with it but he doesn't say it overtly he says it in a way that only intelligence people will understand right that's how these guys are I'll take questions at the end only because I just don't have time sorry yeah no no no he met Robert first who then said you gotta go talk to John yeah three days before the same day it was the same day right after the assassination okay this is again James Wolcott talking he said that you know right after Kay was killed the mood was elation everybody was celebrating the station they were so happy Kennedy was killed until they heard the name Lee Harvey Oswald and he said and then the mood changed from elation to a more serious one that was when I first heard about CI somehow being involved not long before going off duty talk about Oswald's connection with the CI was making the rounds again this is Otsuki these are people who are just two years removed from oswald who remembered him all right

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from oswald who remembered him all right and he said that talk was a jolt to me I didn't really take it seriously that very heavy talk continued up to about the middle of January and he said based solely on what I heard at the Tokyo Station the CIA station in Tokyo I became convinced that the following scenario is true CIA people killed Kennedy either was an outright project of headquarters with the approval of McCone or was done outside perhaps under the direction of Dulles and Bissell it was done in retaliation to Kennedy's reneging on a secret agreement with Dulles to support the invasion of Cuba I'm sure that's what Dulles told people that he had a secret agreement he did not have a secret agreement in fact Kennedy you made that very clear to them several times I will support a native uprising but no American troops and when the you know people were getting killed at the Bay of Pigs and the sea I was begging him look we've got the you know the Navy is right offshore they can come support us in Kennedy said no and Eisenhower had never said no in those instances and they just didn't dream I think bottom line that Kennedy would say no at that point so they felt betrayed Kennedy felt betrayed and but he doesn't stop there all right James Wolcott also adds this other thing which I think is even more sadly indicative of the real CIA mentality at that time the branch chiefs and deputy chiefs project intelligence officers an operational specialists view Kennedy is a threat to the clandestine services but he says the loss of special privileges allowance status an early retirement that came with the CI cloak-and-dagger job were becoming a posse the the loss of these things were becoming a possibility even a probability the prestigious positions of the bureaucratic dominions ambitiously sought might be no more adjustment to a less glamorous job in a common profession could be the result he cites this as why he believes Kennedy was killed that is astonishing and frightening you know Kennedy was going to take their fun and games away that's really scary all right so what did

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really scary all right so what did angles not tell the Warren Commission he threaded four months in their own documentation about what Hoover would say to the Warren Commission about Oswald all right would Hoover out Oswald as a CIA asset or would Hoover be cowed by what angleton had on him or would he try to counter blackmail and of course what could Hoover know well one of the things Hoover knew was this all right right after the assassination the FBI did a very diligent job they went and tracked the bullets that were found on the sixth floor depository and they found that they related to a specific order of ammunition which was authorized under government contract and they give the name says the interesting thing about this order is that it was for ammunition which does not fit and cannot be fired in any of the US Marine Corps weapons this gives rise to the obvious speculation that is a contract for ammunition placed by CIA with Western cartridge under a US Marine Corps cover for concealment purposes the FBI tracked the bullets basically to an order that the Marine Corps made that they believed was a hidey ant for the CIA in other words they

tracked the bullets to the CIA they knew this in December of 1963 this is why Angleton was terrified not just this this is just one of the many things that they knew you know that Hoover knew about the Kennedy assassination all right I think it was Jeff Morley yesterday mentioned that it's important to know who the FBI people who appeared to be collaborating with the CIA who turned off information about Oswald right before the assassination well Albert Turner was one of them Bert Elbert Bert Turner all right Hoover censored him for failing to follow up on the CIA note you know when they made that cable saying you know Oswald this man named Lee Harvey Oswald's visited the Soviet embassy and you know blah blah blah and Angleton not only knew who he was he knew a lot of personal details about him it's clear that these men were friends Bert Turner was a counterintelligence guy in the FBI this appears to be one of

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guy in the FBI this appears to be one of Oswald I mean Angleton's direct contacts and again it was Bert Turner who kind of buried that memo about Oswald made sure no one acted on it before the assassination all right if anything this is probably the most direct evidence we have of APRI assassination tie that angleton knew something was coming up involve yas wold you know and as newman has said it's these documents were designed to raise the threat level but not to the point of getting Oswald arrested before the dirty deed was done and of course package who has Sam Pappas was the liaison from the FBI's end of the CIA but I found documents where package says this is too sensitive for the FBI so really package was more CIA than FBI and that is why the relations between the FBI and the CIA were quote/unquote so good angleton really trusted package package trusted angleton more than hoover and was more willing to side with the CIA than the FBI it's interesting to note that after the Robert Kennedy assassination by 1970 all relations were severed between Hoover and angleton all right there was a huge break and I think I have the reason for that break but that's way beyond the scope of this talk okay James angleton called to advise the McKown director of the CIA will testify before the Commission tomorrow angleton said it occurred to him it would be well for both McKown and mr. Hoover to be aware that the Commission might ask the same questions wondering if they'll get different answers so this is the famous memo it goes one question will be was Lee Harvey Oswald ever an agent of the CIA and Angleton says the answer will be no not our answer will be no what's yours the answer will be no and so on there's like four questions in a row he's laying down the law he's saying this is what has to happen well when the Church Committee saw that they had serious questions and again I strongly refer you to session with angles on this because he goes on for pages and swats whitegrass him over and over but why did you have to you know tell them what to

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you have to you know tell them what to say why did you have to wonder if there was no relationship whatsoever and there was nothing to indicate that there were why would that head up the list of four questions that the CI wish to communicate to Hoover on and angles this as well I think simply put them also on notice that if they did not agree or if they had other information they would tell us so there wouldn't be any surprises and Stryker says except this if he didn't work for the CIA and the CIA knew he didn't work for the CIA then there really could Beauty surprises as far as the CI is concerned right and again Angleton can never just say yes which is the obvious answer you know the fact was again it makes much more sense and also a was CI that explains this entire memo this entire operation otherwise there's really no credible explanation for this alright I had to pull this off I I just happened to look at Jeff Morley site and I saw this and and John McAdams you know one of the biggest disinformation is on the case ever said I am not aware of any case where the CI lied to the Warren Commission and just my old instincts kicked him I like I bet I can find a lot in five minutes and I did so here's a provable lie alright the article came out during the writing of the Warren Commission that Oswald had several meetings with the CI representative in the US Embassy in Moscow and that Oswald was interviewed by the CIA and other embassy operatives all right well Richard Homs of course says not true just not true at all all right he knew it to lie about Raqqa didn't Angleton's close associate Raqqa actually didn't know enough to lie about this when he heard the same information about the same story he raises a red flag he goes the detail which are contained about this telegram was both substantial and accurate and he's worried about a mole in the Warren Commission because that's his

mindset again rock is not close enough to the plot to realize he needs to lie it Helms this all right who was that CI contact John McVicker actually and they agreed about that in John Newman's Oswald in the CIA he was reporting to the CIA everything that Oswald did there in the embassy okay now after the warning

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embassy okay now after the warning commission comes out there's a period of relative calm in the case you know Mark Lane is raising questions but he's not on the national news all right the time magazine or the Life magazine with those approver films hasn't come out yet that doesn't happen till 66 so this is 1965 post Warren Commission pre bursting of conspiracy theories if you will but Angleton's team is still trying to tie up loose ends and again that's interesting because he knows this needs to be covered up and there's this memo this message that comes in to headquarters and it says oh by the way that Cuban console you know xub you ask you is passing through Mexico I mean passing through Washington DC if anybody needs to talk to him you know and they would say suggest illicit Intel get latest reading his attitude toward regime and possibly involve him in heavy drinking bout which might cause embarrassment ask you in the Cuban embassy all right why might they need to embarrass askew well there was a follow-up to this that came from CI alright and it referenced that cable directly it said if suitable access developed as Cooper ref in other words if you do find him and get him drunk headquarters interested in any new info you know aftermath info that can be brought to light Rios Wald's visa application at the Cuban embassy the reason this is significant is that as Q is the one who said the guy that I interacted with at the Embassy is not the guy saw on TV after the assassination of JFK it's not the same guy he looked very different angle to knew this was a problem and so this period of quiet he's still trying to find a way to get ask you to say it was Oswald I find that stunning by the way there's another thing that exposes a lie on this document pure Dale Scott and some others have quoted ray raka who says oh the GP floor phase of the investigation he tries to pass off the fact that there was a codename for Oswald GP for all right and he tries to make it sound like it was about the

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make it sound like it was about the Warren Commission investigation was not about özil well that is not JP floor does not refer to the Warren Commission that refers to Oswald and Oswald alone okay and by the way this one has also been Mis explained where it says Wray bat I finally found somebody who explained it better than anybody else and he said well it's a special counterintelligence indicator so if the cable comes in with this it's automatically routed at a high priority and secret level to counterintelligence directly so it's not just a special sensitivity indicator as Phil Agee said it's actually a special counterintelligence and special angleton indicator if you will okay all right one of the biggest things that Angleton kept from the Warren Commission is the fact that we had a Soviet defector all right name no senko who had come over and that among other things he'd reviewed Oswald's file when he was in the Soviet Union before he came here and said not only did the KGB have no interest in Oswald but they thought he was CIA well this caused a major problem because what was the Warren Commission premise Todd all right when LBJ got his people to serve on the Warren Commission one of the things he told them and this is on the record he said there could be World War three if it gets out that it turns out the Soviets were behind this there might be this worldwide war and we can't afford that so it's really important you know we come to a conclusion that doesn't point the finger at the Soviets and Angleton knew that you needed to keep the finger pointed on the Soviets in order to guarantee the Warren Commission's cover-up all right and no Sanko came and threatened that now again officially on the record the reason angled and hated no senko was because he conflicted with an earlier defector named galitsin who said anybody who comes after me is here to discredit me and don't believe them but i think there were two reasons why Angleton needed to discredit no Cinco and i'm backed up on that because they gave me no senko series of lie-detector tests and in the second one after the first one there are many more questions about oswald on it

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many more questions about oswald on it and they interfered with him physically the guy poked him in the anus and did everything he could to stimulate his heart so that he would get a reading making it look like he was lying and that's a session where they focused almost entirely on Oswald and I think that's stunning I don't want to say focus entirely on Oswald but again many more questions about Oswald than any other session all right now we're almost at the end here okay Epstein was supposedly an early critic of the Warren Commission all right but was he really and the reason I'm going to ask that Angleton's favorite operation was something called the trust and everybody who joined his counterintelligence had to spend two years studying this operation was a Soviet operation right after the Revolution the Bolsheviks knew that there would be a counter-revolution if they didn't get a hold of it right from the start and so the Soviets set up a fake organization that was against the Bolsheviks they set up their own anti-bolshevik activation as a vacuum clear to suck in any activists who might be against them so they could find out who they were and slowly neutralize them it makes sense that Angleton would do the same thing if he knew the cia's was responsible whether he had any direct involvement or not it makes sense he would want to set up a critical community and draw people together and control them from the inside to make sure the finger wasn't pointed at the CIA and if you look at the early research my gosh they were so tentative at pointing the finger at the CIA and granted they didn't have nearly the files we have all right but I do think that it's possible that Epstein was an asset of Angleton's long before he admitted to being an asset of Angleton's which was years later okay why should we care angleton lied and withheld evidence he kept the threat of Soviet involvement alive long enough to guarantee the cover-up by the Warren Commission he was never punished not even posthumously as he should have been if we had a responsible press in this country and if no one has ever held accountable for

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no one has ever held accountable for treason what is to stop others from committing it how did a possible conspirator in the Kennedy assassination end up controlling the CIA's dealings with the Warren Commission how did it happen again with the HSC a why hasn't in 2014 the Attorney General prosecuted CIA employees who deliberately deceived the Senate Intelligence Oversight Committee recently I feel like I'm living in Groundhog Day all right the CI lies to us and gets away with it they lie to us some more and they get away with it again they lie to us and light with sliders they keep getting away with it we must break the cycle of official ignorance and cowardice if we were ever going to bring the CIA under appropriate Democratic control we have to learn the lessons of the past to protect our future thank you I'll take any questions yes Marvin Gaye's lling turn that off yeah yeah he very well may have been and it's something there's just I haven't found enough documentation isert you know the the search engine is not perfect if you search Keesling you don't find things it doesn't mean they aren't there just means you have to read a heck of a lot more but that's an area I would absolutely look into yes sorry I'm going to take her and then you okay sorry they were deep close friends like said angleton carried allen dulles ashes at his funeral they were really close they met weekly during the Warren Commission I forgot to mention that they discussed the case on a weekly basis

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discussed the case on a weekly basis they were incredibly close yes yeah and and and every CIA directors office no one could keep angled it out I don't believe so no I think whatever happened Dulles and Angleton were very much on the same page about it they were very close well he had his own super-secret section CI sig everybody to some degree had their own filing system they said when they said the absence of CI employment information in Oswald's file would not prove that he wasn't an employee because if he was an employee it would not be in the 201 file in any case ya angleton had other files that were in his safe that were found out and he took some of them home after you know he left the agency we don't know what all he had yes I would guess that John newa new fall off on that cuz John Newman was the first one to identify him and and John Newman really is a good researcher that's why I was so surprised yesterday that he'd missed that and the IG report about kitty because he's really good at following up on stuff like that so if anybody had contacted it him it would have been him the fact that he didn't makes me think he's dead yeah the minutiae a phone call right right for

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minutiae a phone call right right for manipulation absolutely absolutely mm-hmm yes Angleton's autopsy photos to my knowledge were found in Angleton's safe yes I mean RF Ches autopsy photos were found in hey I know more than that but I'm not gonna talk about that until my RFK but I'm working on yes to keep secrets and the whole purpose of democracy is to vote based on what you know and if you can't know what you're voting on how can we ever be a democracy yeah one of the two was going to happen I believe every president has either been blackmailed or thwarted by the CIA one way or another I believe that I think it's not always overt you know it's these subtle hints that make you think twice about saying or doing something and Kennedy felt it I mean to his credit Kennedy knew by the end of his administration by the end of his life you know that everybody was against him is like him and his brother against their own administration he was isolated inside his own administration and it's very it's very difficult when you come into government you need to bring a huge team with you who already have

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team with you who already have experience in government you can't bring in a bunch of neophytes and who are the people that have experienced the longtime bureaucrats who have long ago made friends with the CIA and who have them in their midst whether they know it or not it's really hard I don't know I honestly think we really need to rethink our democracy and how our whole you know system is structured because I don't see this lasting much longer yeah sorry let me get some other questions I'm sorry fascism will come to America in the name of national security Yeah right right Michael there and it is us it's so true yeah go ahead I know only what what David Talbott has shared so far but I'll leave that for his book but basically Talbott has said on the record that if you just even look at alland alice's appointment book high-level people from the CIA were dropping in very regularly to see him it was as if he was still running operations from outside the CIA and I will say within the CIA people revered him he was like The Godfather you can't fire the Godfather you know Kennedy displaced him but he was still the Godfather to a lot of those people because he's the one who saved them from those dull boring jobs they would have had without him and what about Phillips you know I've looked for years to see if I could find a direct connection between angleton and Phillips and I don't and what that strongly suggests to me because I think both were deeply involved I think it goes up a little I think you have to include Helms in this and those who claim Helms is this bureaucrat don't know Helms when I read I'm sorry Jeff Morley again wonderful writer you know a fairly new researcher in this you know

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fairly new researcher in this you know material no no I think Helms was deeply involved as well because again Helms knew a lot of what to lie about and I don't think he figured it all out after the fact yeah yeah and and in the book on Dulles by Leonard Mosley he talks about we always think of Bissell is running the Lumumba assassination plots but Bissell son told Mosley no no my my father took a long vacation they really wanted to get Lumumba so Allen Dulles had had Richard Helms dropped the assassination plot and Helms was close to the guy whose name I forget with the poison and the poison toothpastes and all that that was Helms's guy who did that Helms was very much connected to assassination plots yes well I've got to go okay and Howard Hughes Howard hunt I don't I don't believe that to be true and I've never seen that anywhere I would find that incredibly not true also I was gonna say Howard Hughes has been dead for a year before he had been officially declared dead and I don't have time to go into all the evidence for that but that's an amazing story so there's like there's no way because he died a year before anybody I'm sorry but that doesn't cut credibility with me the fact that's from pyridyl Scott is not enough yeah no I I'm sorry that sounds so much like disinformation to me I would have to see his backup for that I honestly do not believe a single bit of that that said the Hughes CI connection was very strong Hughes God in bed with the CIA because he needed their help he was losing his Air Lines he went to the sea I said I'll help you you help me let's work together and Robert May he

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let's work together and Robert May he moved in and took over as Nevada operations and took over his life in some ways and you know so yes there's definitely a tie there but that particular story like I said it without a document or credible witness Pierre Dale Scott is a secondhand source I just don't buy it okay yes you've been waiting to you yeah in that I think there's some truth to that yeah I think there's some truth to that and I wasn't a fan of Janney's book and the way he approached things and the facts that he presented I had actually believed for a long time that Mary Myers probably had been killed by some of the other than but after I read his book I was convinced the guy actually did it had the exact opposite effect on me yeah I'm like maybe there's not that much there so yeah yeah but there was Angleton was friends this this set they were all friends I mean everybody in DC it's a very small circle and social circle for you're rich or politically connected everybody knows everybody all right somebody had a question yes he did have children and one of them I think was his son didn't want to talk to him for years and I don't know what the story is there and there was a man who posed as his son for years and told people use James Angleton's son who was not so you have to be careful yeah cuz he used that to gain entree to certain circles he was a total imposter and his daughter can he disappeared into the woodwork and yeah okay and I have to go so thank you very much if you have other questions I'll talk to you later

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